

VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE
88 WEST MCINTYRE STREET
KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149

K – 8 EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2010 8:45 A.M.

BUILDING, ZONING, AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR ROOM 250

AGENDA

1. Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes: January 5, 2010
3. Additions and Deletions
4. Academic Programs & Access Subcommittee Report
5. Scope of the K-8 Education Advisory Board
 - a. Removal of Adult Programs & Parent Academy
 - b. Removal of K-8 Student Secondary School Options & Articulation
6. Suggestions for improvements for Interaction and Ongoing Dialog with Ms. Tarafa (Key Biscayne K-8 Center Principal)
7. Extracurricular Activities
 - a. After-School Programs
 - b. Sports Programs
8. Next Regular Advisory Board Meeting Date: March 2, 2010
9. Adjournment

Minutes: January 5, 2010

1. Attendance: Present: Betty Sime Conroy, Amy Erwin, Brett Graff, Cassia Silva, Charles Viscito, Ana de Varona, Chad Friedman, Kelly Josephsen. Absent: Margie Meagher, Allison Eng Perez.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Betty Sime Conroy to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Brett Graff. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Additions and deletions: None.
4. Improving Academic Programs & Access: Mr. Viscito went around the room and asked the board members how they felt about the curriculum at the school.
 - a. Amy Erwin: Would like to see expansion of hands on approach in science area. Have children participate in more active learning.
 - b. Brett Graff: Would like to see an improvement in student teacher ratio and team teaching. We should look at curriculum for bilingual program.
 - c. Cassia Silva: Would like to research going from EFL to BISO. Look at the possibility of expanding the Pre-K program. She would like to know how kids are selected to EFL program.
 - d. Chad Friedman mentioned that the board should look at including the businesses as part of compact. The board should have Lisa come back and let her know what we are planning.
 - e. Betty Sime Conroy: Would like to see an improvement of student teacher ratio and having someone come in the classrooms and tutor children. Have Ed Stone come in and speak to the group about senior volunteers.
 - f. Mr. Friedman mentioned possibly framing the question as having the school district create a pilot program for a period of time for senior tutoring.
 - g. Charles Viscito: Is not interested in an IB program for elementary or middle school. He thinks IB is more advantageous in high school. Would like to see an enhancement of dual language program. Extend emphasis on environmental studies and global citizenship in the K-5 Curriculum. Expansion of middle school from 6 to 7 periods. Enhancement of language programs to include high school level courses in the middle school. Enhancement of Science curriculum to include earth, space science and biology. Creation of an environmental studies program or magnet in the middle school. Introduction of a virtual school lab for electives. Have an ongoing review of electives. Development of adult programs in conjunction with the community center. There was group consensus of not doing adult programs now.
 - h. Ms. Erwin would like to see access to all students in the language program and enhancement of social studies and science.
 - i. Ms. Graff would like to bring a discussion of team teaching to the district. There needs to be ground rules set for team teaching.
 - j. Mr. Friedman mentioned that the compact can allow for sharing of information and having the district provide us with information on a yearly basis.
5. Creation of an Academic Programs & Access Subcommittee:

Mr. Viscito asked the board if there was any interest in creating a sub-committee on Academic Programs & Access. Brett Graff was interested in becoming chair. Members of the sub-committee are Brett Graff (Chair), Betty Sime Conroy and Allison Eng Perez.

The district will be invited to attend sub-committee meetings. Ana will check Lisa Martinez's calendar to schedule the sub-committee meeting.

6. Next Regular Advisory Board Meeting Date – February 2, 2010.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37am.

8. Respectfully Submitted,
Ana de Varona, Special Projects Coordinator
Village of Key Biscayne